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No. 2560

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
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An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center *Support* Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center *Support* Program to perform specified functions relating to the establishment, *retention, or expansion* of public school health centers in California, in collaboration with the State Department of Education and the University of California, if the

~~Regents of the University of California choose to participate in the program. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to enter into an interagency agreement with the University of California, to establish standardized data collection procedures and the maintenance of a database of health services provided by public school and local educational agency school health centers in California, and the tracking of, including health issues that are unique to school-aged schoolaged youth, such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders. The bill would require that the State Department of Health Services convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of specified members, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the advisory committee. This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Services and the University of California, to coordinate efforts programs within the State Department of Education and programs within other specified departments to support public school health centers and to provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the establishment, retention, and expansion of public school health centers. The bill would require the program staff to prepare and to submit a biennial report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature containing specified information regarding public school health care centers, beginning on or before January 1, 2009.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174)
2 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:
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5 Article 10. Public School Health Center *Support* Program
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7 ~~124174. The department, in cooperation with the State~~
8 ~~Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health~~
9 ~~Center Program located in the department's School Health~~
10 ~~Connections Office. The Public School Health Center Program~~
11 ~~shall perform, in collaboration with the State Department of~~

~~Education and the University of California, the following functions:~~

~~(a) Provide outreach and promote enrollment of children in Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program through school health centers.~~

~~(b) Serve as a liaison between units within the department, including, but not limited to, Medi-Cal, Maternal and Child Health Branch, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.~~

~~(c) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, where appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the Department of Insurance, and the California Office of Homeland Security.~~

~~(d) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the establishment of health centers in public schools and local educational agencies by identifying available public and private sources of funding, including federal Medicaid funds, funds from third-party reimbursements, and other available federal grant moneys.~~

~~124174.1. (a) The department may accept and administer public and private grants or moneys to be used by school health centers, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for, but not limited to, the following purposes:~~

~~(1) To prevent and treat obesity and other chronic diseases.~~

~~(2) To prevent and treat mental illness.~~

~~(3) To improve coordination with health care and educational systems.~~

~~(4) For other priorities as established by the department.~~

~~(b) The number of grants awarded under this section shall depend upon available funding for these purposes.~~

~~124174.2. (a) The department shall convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of the following members:~~

~~(1) The executive director or board president of the California School Health Centers Association.~~

~~(2) Two representatives of school health centers.~~

~~(3) A representative of the department's Medical Services Branch.~~

~~(4) A representative of the State Department of Education.~~

- 1 ~~(5) A representative of the California School Nurses~~
2 ~~Organization.~~
3 ~~(6) Two youth representatives of the statewide policy~~
4 ~~leadership program on school health.~~
5 ~~(7) A parent or adult consumer of school health center services~~
6 ~~or other community leader involved with school health centers.~~
7 ~~(8) A representative of the California Dental Association.~~
8 ~~(9) An additional six members composed of any combination~~
9 ~~of the following:~~
10 ~~(A) A representative of the State PTA.~~
11 ~~(B) A physician.~~
12 ~~(C) A representative of the California Office of Homeland~~
13 ~~Security.~~
14 ~~(D) A representative of the managed Risk Medical Insurance~~
15 ~~Board.~~
16 ~~(E) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.~~
17 ~~(F) A representative of the Department of Finance.~~
18 ~~(G) A representative of the State Senate.~~
19 ~~(H) A representative of the State Assembly.~~
20 ~~(I) A representative of a managed care organization.~~
21 ~~(J) A representative of a private foundation.~~
22 ~~(K) A local health officer.~~
23 ~~(L) A dental health professional.~~
24 ~~(b) The advisory committee shall meet twice annually and~~
25 ~~shall advise the Public School Health Center Program on school~~
26 ~~health center financing, data collection, and coordination with~~
27 ~~other programs, and shall provide technical assistance.~~
28 ~~124174.3. (a) The department shall enter into an interagency~~
29 ~~agreement with the University of California to establish~~
30 ~~standardized data collection and maintain a database of health~~
31 ~~services provided by public school and local educational agency~~
32 ~~health centers.~~
33 ~~(b) The data collected shall include:~~
34 ~~(1) Contact information for each public school health center.~~
35 ~~(2) The annual number of schoolaged children receiving health~~
36 ~~or mental health services from the public school or local~~
37 ~~educational agency health center.~~
38 ~~(3) The type and volume of services provided by the public~~
39 ~~school or local educational agency health center.~~

1 ~~(4) Funding mechanisms used by the public school or local~~
2 ~~educational agency health center.~~

3 ~~(5) Information on other programs offered by the public~~
4 ~~school health centers with an emphasis on preventative health~~
5 ~~services which address health issues unique to school-aged youth~~
6 ~~including, but not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma,~~
7 ~~immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and~~
8 ~~adolescent mental health disorders.~~

9 ~~(e) The department shall encourage, but not require, local~~
10 ~~educational agencies to provide data to the University of~~
11 ~~California.~~

12 ~~124174.4. The State Department of Education shall perform~~
13 ~~both of the following functions, in collaboration with the~~
14 ~~department and the University of California:~~

15 ~~(a) Coordinate programs which support school health centers~~
16 ~~within the State Department of Education and with programs~~
17 ~~located in the State Department of Mental Health and the State~~
18 ~~Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.~~

19 ~~(b) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the~~
20 ~~establishment of health centers in public schools by sharing~~
21 ~~information among local education agencies regarding facilities~~
22 ~~utilization, liability insurance, cooperative agreements with~~
23 ~~community-based providers, and other issues pertinent to health~~
24 ~~centers in public schools.~~

25 ~~124174.5. The Public School Health Center Program, in~~
26 ~~collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall act as~~
27 ~~a liaison for school-based health centers and submit to the~~
28 ~~Legislature, beginning on or before January, 1, 2009, a biennial~~
29 ~~report that includes information on all of the following:~~

30 ~~(a) The number and geographic distribution of public school~~
31 ~~or local educational agency health centers.~~

32 ~~(b) The number of school-aged children who were served by~~
33 ~~public school or local educational agency health centers.~~

34 ~~(c) The type and volume of health and mental health services~~
35 ~~provided by public school or local educational agency health~~
36 ~~centers.~~

37 ~~(d) A description of any potential benefits to expanding state~~
38 ~~support for public school or local educational agency health~~
39 ~~centers.~~

1 ~~(e) A description of state funds used by public school or local~~
2 ~~educational agency health centers.~~

3 ~~(f) A description of any obstacles to the financial sustainability~~
4 ~~of public school or local educational agency health centers, and~~
5 ~~any necessary policy changes that would address those financial~~
6 ~~obstacles.~~

7 ~~124174.6. No provision of this article shall apply to the~~
8 ~~University of California unless the Regents of the University of~~
9 ~~California choose to participate in the Public School Health~~
10 ~~Center Program, established pursuant to Section 124174.~~

11 *124174. The following definitions shall govern the*
12 *construction of this article, unless the context requires otherwise:*

13 *(a) "Local educational agency" means a school district, as*
14 *defined in Section 41302.5 of the Education Code.*

15 *(b) "Program" means a Public School Health Center Support*
16 *Program.*

17 *(c) "School health center" means a center or program that*
18 *provides age-appropriate health care services at the program*
19 *site or through referrals, and may be located on a public school*
20 *campus, local educational agency, or near a school or local*
21 *educational agency. A school health center may serve two or*
22 *more nonadjacent schools or local educational agencies.*

23 *124174.2. (a) The department, in cooperation with the State*
24 *Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health*
25 *Center Support Program.*

26 *(b) The program, in collaboration with the State Department*
27 *of Education, shall perform the following program functions:*

28 *(1) Provide technical assistance to school health centers on*
29 *effective outreach and enrollment strategies to identify children*
30 *who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, the Medi-Cal program,*
31 *the Healthy Families Program, or any other applicable program.*

32 *(2) Serve as a liaison between organizations within the*
33 *department, including, but not limited to, the Medi-Cal program,*
34 *prevention services, primary care, and family health.*

35 *(3) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, as*
36 *appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department*
37 *of Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug*
38 *Programs, the Department of Managed Health Care, the Office*
39 *of Emergency Services, and the Managed Risk Medical*
40 *Insurance Board.*

1 (4) *Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage*
2 *the establishment, retention, or expansion of, school health*
3 *centers. For purposes of this paragraph, technical assistance*
4 *may include, but is not limited to, identifying available public*
5 *and private sources of funding, which may include federal*
6 *Medicaid funds, funds from third-party reimbursements, and*
7 *available federal or foundation grant moneys.*

8 (c) *The department shall consult with interested parties and*
9 *appropriate stakeholders, including the California School Health*
10 *Centers Association and representatives of youth and parents, in*
11 *carrying out its responsibilities under this article.*

12 124174.3. (a) *The department shall establish standardized*
13 *data collection procedures and collect data specified in*
14 *subdivisions (c) and (d) from school health centers.*

15 (b) *The data collected pursuant to this section shall be*
16 *submitted in a format determined by the department in*
17 *accordance with applicable state and federal requirements for*
18 *confidentiality and protected health information.*

19 (c) *Data collected pursuant to this section shall include the*
20 *following:*

21 (1) *The name of the primary contact person, telephone*
22 *numbers, including facsimile physical address, and the e-mail*
23 *address, if applicable, for each school health center.*

24 (2) *The annual number of schoolage children receiving health*
25 *services or mental health services from the school health center.*

26 (3) *The type and volume of services provided by the school*
27 *health centers.*

28 (4) *The funding mechanisms used by the school health centers.*

29 (5) *Information on other programs offered by school health*
30 *centers with an emphasis on preventative health services that*
31 *address health issues unique to schoolage children, including,*
32 *but not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations*
33 *against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental*
34 *health disorders.*

35 (d) *To the extent feasible, the department shall collect data on*
36 *health services provided at a public school or local educational*
37 *agency outside a school health center.*

38 (e) *This section shall be implemented only to the extent funds*
39 *are appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act or pursuant*

1 *to the enactment of legislation subsequent to the addition of this*
2 *section.*

3 *124174.4. The State Department of Education, in*
4 *collaboration with the department, shall perform the following*
5 *functions:*

6 *(a) Coordination of programs within the State Department of*
7 *Education that support school health centers and programs*
8 *within the State Department of Mental Health and the State*
9 *Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.*

10 *(b) The provision of technical assistance to facilitate and*
11 *encourage the establishment, retention, and expansion of school*
12 *health centers in public schools. For purposes of this subdivision,*
13 *“technical assistance” may include the provision of information*
14 *to local educational agencies, schools, and other entities*
15 *regarding the utilization of facilities, liability insurance,*
16 *cooperative agreements with community-based providers, and*
17 *other issues pertinent to school health centers.*

18 *124174.5. (a) The program, in collaboration with the State*
19 *Department of Education, shall act as a liaison for school-based*
20 *health centers.*

21 *(b) Beginning on or before January 1, 2009, the program shall*
22 *submit a biennial report the appropriate committees of the*
23 *Legislature that includes information on all of the following:*

24 *(1) The number and geographical distribution of school or*
25 *local educational agency health centers.*

26 *(2) The number of schoolage children who were served by*
27 *school or local educational agency health centers.*

28 *(3) The type and volume of health and mental health services*
29 *provided by school health centers.*

30 *(4) A description of state funds used by school health centers.*

31 *(5) A description of any obstacles to the financial*
32 *sustainability of school health centers and any necessary policy*
33 *changes that would address those financial obstacles.*